



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re the application of:** Markus Pompejus, *et al.*

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**For:** *Corynebacterium glutamicum Genes Encoding  
Metabolic Pathway Proteins*

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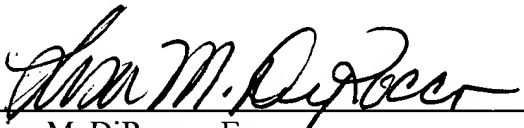
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003. A request for the appropriate extension of time is included herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 3 of this paper

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